# **Application Completion Instructions**

## **Purpose**

This chapter explains in detail how to complete the joint Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for Families mail-in application.

## Mail-In Application Booklet and Handbook

The joint Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for Families mail-in application booklet includes the four-page application, basic instructions for completion and an addressed postage-paid envelope. The application and the Healthy Families Handbook are available in the following ten languages:

- English
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Khmer (Cambodian)
- Hmong

- Armenian
- Chinese
- Korean
- Russian
- Farsi

The application is divided into individual sections with numbered questions. It is important that the application be completely and legibly filled out when submitted. Missing information or information which cannot be read can delay processing of the application.

# **Review of Applications**

All mailed applications are screened by Single Point of Entry (SPE) for no-cost Medi-Cal. In certain circumstances, the county Department of Social Services may determine that the children are eligible for no-cost Medi-Cal even though they appeared to be eligible for the Healthy Families Program. It is important that CAAs explain this to families. See Chapter 4: Family Size and Income Determinations for more information.

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Some examples where this could occur include the following:

- Children can have separate incomes that are counted, i.e., child support or Social Security.
- Children under 18 have their own children and live with their own parents.
- Stepparents or unmarried parents are part of the family size.

In these situations, the children's natural or adoptive parents and the children's own incomes are used to determine the families' incomes. Stepparents, caretaker relatives and siblings' incomes are not used.

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	Does the mother live in the home?	Yes No	☐ Yes ☐ No	Yes No	☐ Yes ☐ No	Yes No
8	Father's Name: Last					
	First					
	Does the father live in the home?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
9	Name of teen's spouse or pregnant woman's husband: (If living in the home)					
0	Does any person(s) being applied for have no-cost Medi-Cal?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
	If "yes", give date coverage ends/ended.	/ / MO DAY YR	/ / MO DAY YR			
i	Does the pregnant woman and/or children					
	have other health, dental or vision insurance?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
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3	List any other children Section 1, Question 1.		der age 21 who are no	t listed in Section 2. G	ive their relationship to	the person in
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4	Are any family member	ers who are living in the	e home pregnant?		☐ Yes	□ No
	If yes, who:			Date	e Due:	
	List any stepparent liv	ring in the home not all	ready listed:			
5	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME					
6	Do any of the need-	listed in this Section	or any of the parents !!	sted in Section 2, want	Medi-Cal? Yes	□ No

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SECTION 4: List the gross income (before taxes) of all persons listed in Section 2, Questions 17, 27, 28, 29 and Section 3 who live in the home. If self-employed or using federal income tax return to prove income, only complete Questions 37, 38 and 40 in this section.

37	NAME OF PERSON WITH INCOME	38 SOURCE OF INCOME?	HOW OFTEN RECEIVED?	40 HO₩ MUCH GROSS INCOME?	SOCIAL SECURITY # (Optional)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

SECTION 5: Deductions from Family Income. The answers in this section will help determine what amounts will be deducted from your family's gross monthly income.

TYPE OF PAYMENT YOUR FAMILY MAKES	NAME OF PERSON WHO PAYS	MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID
Child Support		
Alimony		

45	CHILD CARE OR DEPENDENT CARE (List child's name)	46 AGE	MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID
1.			
2.			
3.			
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#### SECTION 6: Other Coverage.

48	Has anyone filed a lawsuit because of an accident or injury on behalf of the pregnant woman		
	and/or child applying for benefits?	Yes	☐ No
49	Does the pregnant woman and/or child want to apply for Medi-Cal coverage		
	for any medical expenses in the last 3 months?	Yes	☐ No
	If "yes", list month(s):		

SECTION 7: Voluntary Information. Not required. Your answers will not affect your eligibility but they will help the state to get additional federal money to pay for health care programs.

	SECTION 8: Signature and Certification.		
	51 Is there more than \$3,150 cash in bank accounts in the children's household?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
ı	50 Is there more than one car in the children's household?	☐ Yes ☐ No	

	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the answers I have given in this application, the declarations made, and the documents submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I declare that I have read and understand the application instructions, the declarations, and all information printed on this application.			
l	Signature	Date		
	Witness Signature	. Date		
l	Authorized Representative (# any)	Date		

#### SECTION 9: Reimbursement for Application Assistance. For Certified Application Assistant use only.

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Applicant Signature			Date
CAA Signature	CAA#	EE#	Date

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If it appears you qualify for **Healthy Families** and want to choose your health, dental and vision plan now, fill out this page. Otherwise, we will contact you later for this information. See your **Healthy Families Handbook** for more information, or visit our web site at **www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov**.

SECTION	A. Health	Dental and	Vicion Pla	n Choices

54		55 Dent	il Plan/Code	56	Vision Plan/Code
57	Name of Doctor/Clinic (optional) 58	Doctor/Clinic Code (optional)	59 Name of Dentist/Clini	c (optional) 60	Dentist/Clinic Code (optional)

#### SECTION B: Rural Demonstration Project.

If you are in any of these groups, there is a new statewide her combination and put the code in the box below. See the <b>Healt</b>	alth, dental and vision plan combination offered to you. You can pic thy Families Handbook for the combination code number.	k this new
Check all boxes that apply to you.	Plan Combinat	ion Code
☐ Native American Indian OB Working in seasonal or migrator	nry jobs: Agriculture D Forestry D Fishing	

#### **SECTION C: Healthy Families Declarations**

#### I declare that each person I am applying for:

- is a resident of California.
- is not in jail or in a mental hospital.
- is not eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B.
- is not a member of a family that is eligible for health benefits from the California Public Employees Retirement System Health Benefits Program(s).

#### I further declare that:

- all individuals listed on this application will abide by the rules of participation, the utilization review process and the dispute resolution process of the participating plans in which the individual is enrolled.
- I have read and understand the Healthy Families Handbook.
   I understand what it says about each health, dental and vision plan and the benefits they offer.
- I am applying for all of my children eligible for Healthy Families, unless they are already enrolled, or I am 18 years old or a minor and applying for myself.
- I agree to pay 6 monthly premiums. If I do not pay the premiums, I will be taken off the program and cannot participate again for 6 months, I will have to pay for any **Healthy Families** services I use in the last month after coverage ended.
- I give permission to Healthy Families to check my family income, health coverage, immigration status of the people I am applying for, and all other facts on this application.
- I agree to notify the program within 30 days of any change of address of any person applied for who is accepted into the program and any change in the applicant's billing address.

#### SECTION D: Privacy Notice.

The Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act require the **Healthy Families** Program to provide the following notice to individuals who are asked by **Healthy Families** to supply information:

Personal and medical information requested is for subscriber identification and program administration purposes only. Program regulations

Personal and medical information requested is for subscriber identification and program administration purposes only. Program regulations under Title 10, CCR, Section 2699.6600 require that every individual furnish certain information when applying to the **Healthy Families** Program. Subscriber's information may be shared with State and local agencies involved in the administration of health programs. Information (including immigration status) about persons who do not become subscribers, will be used only for purposes of eligibility determination and program administration. Failure to furnish this information may result in the return of the application as incomplete.

The following information on the application is not mandatory: social security number, ethnicity information (unless the subscriber is a Native American Indian) and any other item marked voluntary or optional. An individual has a right to access records containing his/her personal information that are maintained by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. The official responsible for maintaining the information is the Deputy Director of Eligibility and Enrollment, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, 1000 G Street, Room 450, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 324-4695.

#### SECTION E: Resolving Disputes.

If you enroll in certain plans you agree to have certain claims (which may include medical malpractice claims) decided by neutral binding arbitration. Members give up their right to a jury or court trial. The **Healthy Families Handbook** has information about each plan and the arbitration requirements. You may call the plans you choose to find out more.

#### SECTION F: Signature and Certification.

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62 I certify that I have read and understand the information above. I also ce	rtify that the information I have given on this form is true and correct.
Signature	Date
Witness Signature	Date

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Page A1 of the application requests information about the applicant who is applying for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.

## **SECTION 1: Applicant's Information**

The applicant is the person who is completing the application for himself or herself, a child, pregnant woman or unborn child. The child must live with the applicant unless he/she is the natural or adoptive parent and wishes to apply only for Healthy Families for the children. See Chapter 7: *Healthy Families* for more information.

Applicants include the following people:

- Natural or adoptive parents (whether they live with the child or not)
- Caretaker relatives, such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings or other family members, with whom the child lives and who exercise the primary care and control of the child
- Legal Guardians— have a court order or other legal status that gives authority for health care and other decisions. A copy of a court order does NOT need to be submitted with the application.
- Foster parents
- Stepparents
- A person applying for coverage on his or her own behalf (including a pregnant woman)
- Children under age 18 may apply for coverage on their own if they are over age 14 and are not living with a parent or caretaker relative, legal guardian, foster parent or stepparent.

**NOTE:** Minor parents (age 18 or younger) who have their own children may complete an application for their children. However, if minor parents with their own parents and want coverage for themselves, their parents must apply for them.

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#### **Section 1 QUESTIONS**

- **1** Applicant's Name
  - List the last name, first name, middle initial of the applicant.
- 2 Applicant's Birthdate
  - Enter the birthdate of the applicant as shown: Month/Day/Year.
- 3 Home Address
  - Enter the street address, road, rural route or other physical description where the applicant lives. DO NOT ENTER A P.O. BOX ADDRESS.
- 4 Apartment Number
  - Enter the apartment or unit number (or letter) if the applicant lives in an apartment.
  - Leave blank if the applicant does not live in an apartment.
- **5** Home Phone Number
  - Enter the applicant's home phone number including the area code.
  - Leave blank if the applicant does not have a home phone number.

**NOTE:** Applicants should provide at least one phone number on the application so they can be contacted for clarification or when additional information is required. This could also be a work phone number or message phone number (Questions 9 and 12).

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#### **Section 1 QUESTIONS**

- 6 City
  - Enter the city in which the applicant lives.
- 7 County
  - Enter the county in which the applicant lives.
- 8 Zip Code
  - Enter the zip code in which the applicant lives.
- **9** Work Phone Number
  - Enter the applicant's work phone number.
  - Leave blank if the applicant does not have a work phone number.

## 10 Mailing Address

- Enter the applicant's mailing address if it is different from the home address provided in Question 3.
- If the applicant has a P.O. Box, list it here.
- Leave blank if the mailing address is the same as the home address.

#### **11** Apartment Number

- Enter the apartment or unit number (or letter) if the applicant lives in an apartment.
- Leave blank if the applicant does not live in an apartment.

# **Message Phone Number**

- Enter the message phone number.
- Leave blank if the applicant does not have a message phone number.
- 13 City
  - Enter the city of the applicant's mailing address.
  - Leave blank if the mailing address is the same as the home address.

# **14** Zip Code

- Enter the zip code of the mailing address.
- Leave blank if the mailing address is the same as the home address.

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#### **Language Spoken Best**

- Enter the language which the applicant speaks best.
- This information is used when the applicant needs to be contacted by telephone. Representatives are available to assist in the following languages:

English	Armenian	Ukranian
Spanish	Cantonese	Punji / Hindi
Vietnamese	Korean	Tagalog
Khmer (Cambodian)	Russian	Mandarin
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## **Language Read Best**

- Enter the language the applicant reads best.
- This information is used when any written correspondence needs to be sent to the applicant.

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#### **Programs the Applicant Does Not Wish to Apply For**

- Applicants can indicate the programs for which they DO NOT want to be considered. If applicants check a box, the children will NOT be screened for that program even if they qualify. For this reason applicants are strongly encouraged to leave all boxes unchecked so the children will be evaluated for whichever program they may be eligible.

For Example: If an applicant checks the "I **DO NOT** want Medi-Cal" box and the children are screened eligible for no-cost Medi-Cal by Single Point of Entry (SPE), the application will not be forwarded to the county Department of Social Services.

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In this example the family would receive a "Reconsider Medi-Cal" letter from the Single Point of Entry stating that the children appear to be eligible for Medi-Cal. This notice also gives applicants the opportunity to consent for SPE to forward their applications to the county Department of Social Services.

## **SECTION 2: Information about Children and the Pregnant Woman**

This section asks for information about children under age 19, an unborn child and/or the pregnant woman who want health coverage.

The application has columns for four children plus a column for a pregnant woman. If the "Pregnant Woman" column is not needed, it can be used for a fifth child. Cross out the column heading and write above it "Child 5."

Applicants can also apply for Healthy Families for an unborn child up to 3 months before the child's expected due date. If the family income is too high for the pregnant woman to receive no-cost Medi-Cal but the family income is within the eligibility level for "Child Birth Up to Age 1" for Healthy Families (between 200% and 250% of the Federal Income Guidelines), the unborn child may be eligible for Healthy Families. In this case, use the "Child 1 or Unborn" column, checking the box to indicate this is an unborn child. Complete as much information as possible in this column (including Questions 22, 27, and 28).

#### **Section 2 QUESTIONS**

			Check box If unborn	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Pregnant Woman
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9	If the child's a						
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21	Sex:		☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Male ☐ Female
22	Date of Birth:		MO DAY YR	MO DAY YR	MO DAY YR	MO DAY YR	MO DAY YR
3	Place of Birth: or State or Co if outside the	untry.					
4	Ethnic Code:  See #24 Instruct	tons					
25	U.S. Citizen or If "no", please of entry into U	write date	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No

Questions 17 through 32 MUST be answered for each child and/ or pregnant woman requesting coverage.

#### **Section 2 QUESTIONS**

# 17 Name

- List the name (last, first, middle) of each child and/or pregnant woman who want health coverage.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

# Name on Birth Certificate

- List the name exactly as it appears on each child's and/ or pregnant woman's birth certificate.
- Leave blank for an unborn child or if the name on the birth certificate is the same as in Question 17: Name.

#### 19 Child's Address

- Enter the child's address if the child does not live with the applicant.
- The child and/or pregnant woman must live in California to be eligible for either Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

# Relationship to Person in Section 1

- List the relationship of each child and/or pregnant woman to the applicant who is listed in Section 1. This would include son, granddaughter, stepdaughter, nephew, etc. It is important to accurately identify the relationship because this information is used by the Single Point of Entry (and Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Programs) to determine family size and financial responsibility.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

# 21 Sex

- Indicate the sex of the child.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

# Date of Birth

- Enter the birthdate of each child and/or pregnant woman as shown: Month/Day/Year.
- If applying for an unborn child (column 1), enter the expected due date.

#### Place of Birth

- Enter the county if the child and/or pregnant woman were born in California.
- Enter the state if the child and/or pregnant woman were born in the U.S. but outside California.
- Enter the country if the child and/or pregnant woman were born outside the U.S.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

#### **24** Ethnic Code

- Indicate the ethnic code of each child and/or pregnant woman. Providing an ethnic code is optional unless the child is American Indian or Alaskan Native. The codes are listed on page 3 of the application instructions.

**NOTE:** American Indians and Alaskan Natives <u>must</u> indicate their ethnic codes. A cost sharing waiver for premium payments and co-payments is available for Healthy Families to American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

#### U.S. Citizen or National

- Indicate if the child and/or pregnant woman are U.S. Citizens or Nationals.

U.S. Citizens and Nationals include those individuals who were:

- Born in the U.S.
- Native Americans born in Canada
- Born in Puerto Rico
- Born in the Northern Mariana Islands
- Born in Guam
- Born in the Virgin Islands of the U.S. (St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix)
- Born in Swain's Island
- Naturalized Citizens
- Acquired Citizenship or Derived Citizenship
- Born in American Samoa
- If the "no" box is checked, enter the date of entry into the U.S. See Chapter 6: *Medi-Cal* and Chapter 7: *Healthy Families* for more information about the different types of immigration statuses and confidentiality.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

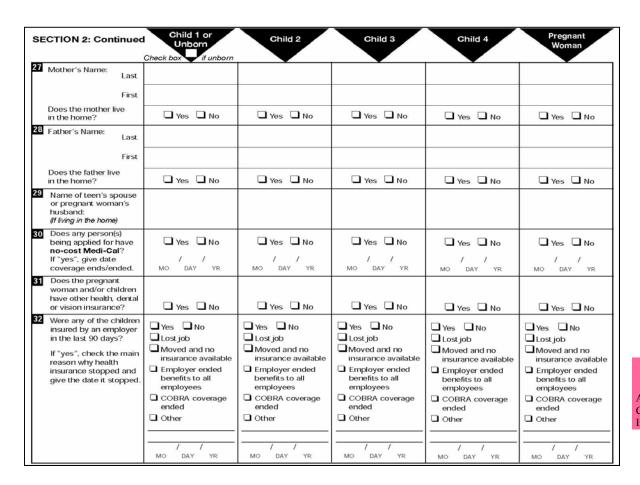
# **Social Security Number**

- Enter the Social Security number of each child and/or pregnant woman when applying for Medi-Cal. If the applicant does not provide Social Security numbers when he/she completes the application, the application will still be forwarded to the county Department of Social Services. The county Department of Social Services will contact the applicant for the child's and/or pregnant woman's Social Security numbers.

**NOTE:** Social Security numbers are not required by the Healthy Families Program.

Page A2 of the application obtains information about the children and/or pregnant woman who want to be enrolled in Medi-Cal or Healthy Families as well as other family members living in the home.

# **SECTION 2: Information about Children and Pregnant Woman (Continued)**



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## **Section 2 QUESTIONS**

# 27 Mother's Name

- List the natural or adoptive mother for each child.
- <u>DO NOT</u> list a child's stepmother.
- Leave blank for a pregnant woman who is over 19 years old.
- Indicate if the mother lives in the home.

#### **Section 2 QUESTIONS**

#### 28 Father's Name

- List the natural or adoptive father for each child.
- DO NOT list a child's stepfather.
- Leave blank for a pregnant woman who is over 19 years old.
- Indicate if the father lives in the home.

## 29 Teen's Spouse or Pregnant Woman's Husband

- List the name of the teen's spouse if he/she lives in the home.
- List the name of the pregnant woman's husband if he lives in the home.
- Leave blank if the teen or pregnant woman is not married to her partner.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

#### No-Cost Medi-Cal

- Indicate if each child and/or pregnant woman are currently receiving no-cost Medi-Cal.
- If yes, enter the date the no-cost Medi-Cal will end.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

**NOTE:** Applicants can apply up to three months before a child's no-cost Medi-Cal coverage will end.

**REMINDER:** Children who receive no-cost Medi-Cal, including Accelerated Enrolment, are not eligible for Healthy Families. Children who receive Share-of-Cost Medi-Cal may be eligible for Healthy Families.

## 31 Other Health, Dental, or Vision Insurance

- Indicate if the child and/or pregnant woman have other health, dental or vision insurance.
- *Example:* If the parents have employer-sponsored coverage and the children are uninsured, the answer would be "no."
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

**NOTE:** Children and pregnant women can have other health insurance and still be eligible for no-cost Medi-Cal.

**REMINDER:** Children covered by employer-sponsored health coverage are not eligible for Healthy Families coverage.

# **Employer-Sponsored Insurance**

- Indicate if the child was insured by employer-sponsored health coverage in the last 3 months.
- If "yes," check the box next to the reason coverage ended and write the date the insurance ended.
- See Chapter 7: *Healthy Families* for more information.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

**REMINDER:** Children who were insured through employer-sponsored health coverage in the last 3 months are not eligible for Healthy Families. The waiting period will be waived if any one of the following occurs to the person through whom the employer-sponsored insurance for the children had been available:



- Loses his or her job
- Moves to a zip code area or region that is not covered by the employersponsored coverage
- Loses health benefits because his or her employer stopped health benefits for all employees
- Dies
- Divorces or is legally separated from the parent with whom the child lives

## **SECTION 3: Other Family Members in the Home**

This section asks for information about other family members who are not already listed in Sections 1 or 2. This information is needed to accurately determine the family size and program eligibility.

3 List any other children living in the hor Section 1, Question 1.	ne under age 21 who are not	listed in Section 2. Give their relation	onship to	the person in
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME		RELATIONSHIP
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME		RELATIONSHIP
Are any family members who are living	g in the home pregnant?		☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, who:		Date Due:		
List any stepparent living in the home	not already listed:	LAST NAME, FIRST NA	ME	
Do any of the people listed in this Sec	tion, or any of the parents list	ed in Section 2, want Medi-Cal?	☐ Yes	☐ No

#### **Section 3 QUESTIONS**

# **Other Children Living in the Home Under Age 21**

- List any children under age 21 living in the home NOT listed in Section 2: Children under 19 and/or Pregnant Woman Who Want Health Coverage. These children typically include:
  - Children who already have health coverage
  - Children ages 19 to 21
  - Children who meet BOTH of the following requirements:
    - ♦ Away at school
    - ♦ Claimed as tax dependents by their parents
- DO NOT list children who receive SSI/SSP or public assistance. They are not counted in the family size. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

#### **Section 3 QUESTIONS**

# **34** Pregnant Family Members

- List any family members who are pregnant. This could be a pregnant teen, parent or stepparent living in the home. This information is required because the unborn child is counted in the family size.

If pregnant women or teens wish to apply for Medi-Cal, they may complete a separate application or apply directly at their local county Department of Social Services. Women who are late-term or have a high-risk pregnancy should apply directly at their local county Department of Social Services for a faster eligibility determination.

# **35** Stepparent in the Home

- List any stepparents living in the home who are not already listed on the application in Section 1 or Section 2.
- List only the stepparents. DO NOT list any live-in partners.

# **36** Other Family Members Who Want Medi-Cal

- Indicate if any of the family members in this section want Medi-Cal.
- The family will be contacted by the local county Department of Social Services to obtain additional information required to determine if these family members qualify for Medi-Cal.

**NOTE:** If the applicant indicates not wanting Medi-Cal (Question 16), the application WILL NOT be forwarded to the county Department of Social Services for a Medi-Cal eligibility determination.

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Page A3 of the application obtains information about family members' different sources of income as well as the deductions for which they may be eligible. It also asks if families want to apply for retroactive Medi-Cal and includes a certification that the information provided is true and correct

## **SECTION 4: Income Information**

The information in this section is used to determine the gross income, source of income and how often the income is received for each family member.

SECTION 4: List the gross income (before taxes) of all persons listed in Section 2, Questions 17, 27, 28, 29 and Section 3 who live in the home. If self-employed or using federal income tax return to prove income, only complete Questions 37, 38 and 40 in this section.

37 NAME OF PERSON WITH INCOME	SOURCE OF INCOME?	HOW OFTEN RECEIVED?	40 HOW MUCH GROSS INCOME?	41 SOCIAL SECURITY # (Optional)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

#### **Section 4 QUESTIONS**

#### 37 Name of Person With Income

- List the name of each family member with income.
- Use a separate line for each source of income.

**REMINDER:** Child support received is the CHILD'S income and must be listed with the CHILD'S NAME and NOT the parent's name. DO NOT list the income of people in the home who are not counted in the family size.

#### 38 Source of Income

- List where the income comes from, such as work (give name of the employer, self-employment), Social Security or child support. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

**REMINDER:** Do not list income that is not counted. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

NOTE: Public assistance, such as SSI/SSP, CalWORKS and General Relief, which results in the recipients NOT COUNTED in the family size must be listed as income and proof must be submitted. This income will not be counted but is needed by SPE to make sure these individuals are not counted in the family size. See Chapter 4: Family Size and Income Determination for more information.

#### **39** How Often Received

- List how often the income is received:
  - Weekly (paid once a week)
  - Every two weeks (paid every other week)
  - Twice a month (paid two times a month, e.g., the 15th and 30th)
  - Monthly (paid once per month)

#### 40 Gross Income

- List the gross income amount on the paycheck stub or other proof of income (before taxes or other withholdings).
- List the gross amount on the pay stub. For example, if family members are paid weekly, list the amounts they are paid each week and NOT the calculated monthly incomes.

**NOTE:** If family members are self-employed or using federal income tax returns to prove their incomes, complete questions 37, 38 and 40. Leave question 39 blank. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

# **41** Social Security Number

- Enter the Social Security numbers of the family members with incomes.
- This information is OPTIONAL for both Medi-Cal and Healthy Families.

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#### **SECTION 5: Income Deductions**

This section asks for information to determine the appropriate income deductions. Some deductions, such as the \$90 work expense deduction and the \$50 deduction for receiving child support or alimony, are not listed in this section. These deductions are given automatically based on the proof of income included with the application.

This section is divided into two parts:

- i. Child support and alimony paid
- ii. Child care or dependent care expenses

If families do not make these payments, leave blank.

SECTION 5: Deductions from Family Income. The answers in this section will help determine what amounts will be deducted from your family's gross monthly income.

TYPE OF PAY YOUR FAMILY I		NAME OF SON WHO PAYS	44	MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID
Child Suppo	rt			
Alimony				

45	CHILD CARE OR DEPENDENT CARE (List child's name)	46 AGE	MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

#### **QUESTIONS 42-44 Child Support and/or Alimony Payments**

- **Type of Payment Your Family Makes** 
  - List any court-ordered child support and/or alimony paid.
- 43 Name of Person Who Pays
  - List the names of the family members who pay court-ordered child support and/or alimony.
- 44 Monthly Amount Paid
  - List the court-ordered amount or the actual amount paid per month, whichever is less.

**NOTE:** Only COURT-ORDERED payments can be deducted.

#### **QUESTIONS 45-47 Child Care and Dependent Care Expenses**

- 45 Child Care or Dependent Care
  - List the names of the children or dependents who are receiving child or dependent care.
- 46 Age
  - List the ages of the children and dependents.
- 47 Monthly Amount Paid
  - List total amount PAID PER MONTH for child/dependent care, even if it is more than the maximum deductions allowed.
  - The maximum deduction depends on the age of each child:
    - Up to \$200 per child under 2 years of age
    - Up to \$175 per child age 2 and older
    - Up to \$175 per disabled dependent

## **SECTION 6: Other Coverage**

Has anyone filed a lawsuit because of an accident or injury on behalf of the pregnant woman		
and/or child applying for benefits?	☐ Yes	□No
Does the pregnant woman and/or child want to apply for <b>Medi-Cal</b> coverage		
for any medical expenses in the last 3 months?	Yes	□No
If "yes", list month(s):		

#### **Section 6 QUESTIONS**

# Lawsuit on Behalf of the Child or Pregnant Woman

- Indicate "yes" or "no" if a lawsuit has been filed because of an accident or injury caused by another person or while at work. Medi-Cal will cover the services needed because of the accident.
- If the person used Medi-Cal for treatment and then received an insurance or other type of settlement, he/she must repay the cost of the Medi-Cal services received for treatment because of the accident or injury. Only the costs of services for treatment related to the accident or injury must be repaid. If the settlement the family receives is less than the cost of services Medi-Cal provided, the family will have to repay only the amount of the settlement.

**NOTE:** The family does not pay Medi-Cal if the person does not receive a settlement.

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#### **Medi-Cal Coverage for Previous Medical Expenses**

- Indicate "yes" or "no" if the children and/or pregnant woman want to apply for Medi-Cal for past medical expenses.

Medi-Cal can pay for past medical bills if the applicants or children have medical expenses during the 3 months before the date of application (when the application is received at SPE). This is called retroactive Medi-Cal. See Chapter 6: Medi-Cal for more information.

When the county Department of Social Services receives the applications, it will contact the applicants to obtain the information needed for the month(s) coverage is requested.

**NOTE:** Children who are eligible for Healthy Families may be eligible for assistance from Medi-Cal with past medical expenses.

**REMINDER:** To receive this coverage, Question 16, "I do not want Medi-Cal" box must NOT be checked.

**NOTE:** If it is close to the end of the month and families are requesting retroactive Medi-Cal for the earliest month possible, it is best for the applicant to go the county Department of Social Services to complete the application for retroactive (past) medical expenses instead of using the mail-in application. See Chapter 6: *Medi-Cal* for more information and an example.



## **SECTION 7: Voluntary Information**

This information is VOLUNTARY and DOES NOT affect families' eligibility for Healthy Families, but Medi-Cal needs this information for Medi-Cal eligibility determination. The applicant only needs to indicate "yes" or "no."

Answers to these two questions may help the State of California claim federal funds for its health care programs.

SECTION 7: Voluntary Information. Not required. Your answers will not affect your eligibility but they will help the state to get additional federal money to pay for health care programs.				
50 Is there more than one car in the children's household?	☐ Yes ☐ No			
51 Is there more than \$3,150 cash in bank accounts in the children's household?	☐ Yes ☐ No			

#### **Section 7 QUESTIONS**

- 50 More Than One Car
  - Indicate "yes" or "no" whether there is more than one car in the child and/or pregnant woman's household.
- More than \$3,150 Cash in Bank Accounts
  - Indicate "yes" or "no" whether there is more than \$3,150 cash in bank accounts in the children or pregnant woman's household.



## **SECTION 8: Signature and Certification**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the answers I have given in the declarations made, and the documents submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belared and understand the application instructions, the declarations, and all information printed on this application.	ief. I declare that I have
Signature	Date
Witness Signature	Date
Authorized Representative (# any)	Date

#### **Section 8 QUESTIONS**



#### **Signatures**

- The applicant is required to sign and date the application on the signature line.

CAAs must explain to the applicant that by signing "under penalty of perjury" he/she can be prosecuted for information that is knowingly misrepresented on the application.

The signature of a witness is necessary if the applicant signs with a mark, such as an "X."

An Authorized Representative is someone who can sign on behalf of the applicant. No proof is required to be submitted with the application to show that the person is the Authorized Representative. The county Department of Social Services and Healthy Families will contact the applicant if additional information is required.

# **SECTION 9: Reimbursement for Application Assistant Use Only**

Reimbursement for CAA assistance ended on June 30, 2003.

Even though EEs no longer receive assistance fees, the State continues to collect information about who is assisting applicants.

SECTION 9: Reimbursement for A	Application Assistance. For Certif	ied Application Assistant ι	use only.	
I certify I had help completing this form from the Certified Application Assistant listed below. This CAA help was <b>FREE</b> of charge. The state will not issue a reimbursement to the EE unless Section 9 is completely and correctly filled out at the time this application is submitted.				
Applicant Signature			Date	
CAA Signature	CAA#	EE#	Date	
MC 321 HFP (rev. 4/00) APPLICATION	А3	FOR HELP, CALL TOL	L-FREE, 1-800-880-5305	

#### **Section 9 QUESTIONS**



#### **Applicant and CAA Signatures**

- The applicant signs and dates the application to verify that he/she was assisted by a Certified Application Assistant.
- The CAA also signs and dates the application and enters his/her CAA# and EE#.

**NOTE:** The nine-digit CAA number and five digit EE number are needed to track applications where the applicants were assisted by the CAAs and their EEs. See Chapter 3: Healthy Families and Medi-Cal Mail-In Application.

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Page A4 of the application pertains to the Healthy Families Program only. Information about the available health, dental and vision plans and providers is listed in the Healthy Families Handbook and on the Healthy Families website, <a href="https://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov">www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov</a>.

If the applicant does not select health, dental and vision plans for the children who are eligible for Healthy Families, he/she will be contacted to select plans. This will delay the start date of the children's coverage.

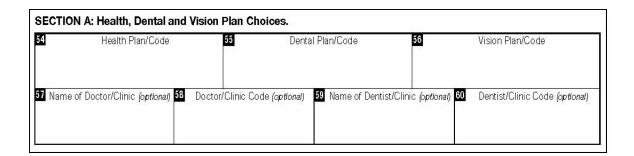
The family is not required to select providers (doctor, dentist or clinic) for the children who are eligible for Healthy Families when submitting the application. If the family does not select providers, however, the plans will assign the providers. See Chapter 7: *Healthy Families* for more information.

#### **SECTION A:** Health, Dental and Vision Plan Choices

54	Health Plan/Code	55	Dental Plan/Code	56	Vision Plan/Code
<b>7</b> Name	of Doctor/Clinic (optional) 58 C	octor/Clinic Co	de (optional) 59 Name of Denti	ist/Clinic (optional) 60	Dentist/Clinic Code (optional)

#### QUESTIONS 54-56: Health, Dental, and Vision Plan Selection

- Health Plan/Code
  - List the health plan name AND its code number for the plan the family has selected.
- 55 Dental Plan/Code
  - List the dental plan name AND its code number for the plan the family has selected.
- **56** Vision Plan/Code
  - List the vision plan name AND its code number for the plan the family has selected.



#### **QUESTIONS 57-60: Provider Selection**

If the applicant has chosen a doctor or clinic for the child, list the provider information here.

- List the name of the doctor or clinic the applicant has chosen for the child(ren).
- List the code for the doctor or clinic applicant has chosen for the child(ren).
- List the name of the dentist or clinic applicant has chosen for the child(ren).
- List the code for the dentist or clinic applicant has chosen for the child(ren).



# **SECTION B: Special Population Plan (Formerly the Rural Demonstration** Project)

This is an optional plan available to American Indians, Alaskan Natives and families working in seasonal or migratory jobs in agriculture, forestry or fishing. Families who qualify for the Special Population Plan are not required to select it. They may select any of the plans available in their county. The advantage of the Special Population Plan is that it is available statewide. and families will not need to change their children's plans when they move from county to county.

The plan information is listed in Healthy Families Handbook, including the plan combination code and premium information.

**NOTE:** Families should make sure that they notify Healthy Families whenever their addresses change to ensure that they receive all premium bills and program notices.

If you are in any of these groups, there is a new statewide health, dental and vision plan combination offered combination and put the code in the box below. See the <b>Healthy Families Handbook</b> for the combination code.	to you. You can pick this new le number.
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Check all boxes that apply to you.	Plan Combination Code

#### **Section B QUESTIONS**

# **Special Population Plan**

- If the applicant chooses the Special Population Plan, indicate if the applicant is any of the following:
  - American Indian or Alaskan Native
  - Working in a seasonal or migratory job in agriculture
  - Working in a seasonal or migratory job in forestry
  - Working in a seasonal or migratory job in fishing
- Plan Combination Code Box: Enter the Plan Combination Code for the Special Population Plan. This information is listed on page 83 of the Healthy Families Handbook.

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## **SECTION C: Healthy Families Declarations**

#### SECTION C: Healthy Families Declarations

#### I declare that each person I am applying for:

- is a resident of California.
- is not in jail or in a mental hospital.
- is not eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B.
- is not a member of a family that is eligible for health benefits from the California Public Employees Retirement System Health Benefits Program(s).

#### I further declare that

- all individuals listed on this application will abide by the rules of participation, the utilization review process and the dispute resolution process of the participating plans in which the individual is enrolled.
- I have read and understand the Healthy Families Handbook.
   I understand what it says about each health, dental and vision plan and the benefits they offer.

- I am applying for all of my children eligible for Healthy Families, unless they are already enrolled, or I am 18 years old or a minor and applying for myself.
- I agree to pay 6 monthly premiums. If I do not pay the premiums, I will be taken off the program and cannot participate again for 6 months.
   I will have to pay for any **Healthy Families** services I use in the last month after coverage ended.
- I give permission to Healthy Families to check my family income, health coverage, immigration status of the people I am applying for, and all other facts on this application.
- I agree to notify the program within 30 days of any change of address of any person applied for who is accepted into the program and any change in the applicant's billing address.

The Certified Application Assistant should review with the applicant the Healthy Families Declarations listed in this section.

The applicant is required to make the following declarations listed below.

The applicant declares that each person he/she is applying for:

- Is a resident of California.
  - Children must be California residents to be eligible for Healthy Families.
- Is not in jail or a mental hospital.
- Is not eligible for Medicare, Part A and Part B.

Children eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B are not eligible for Healthy Families.

• Is not a member of a family that is eligible for health benefits from the California Public Employees Retirement System Health Benefits Program(s) (CALPERS).

Children eligible for health benefits from CALPERS are not eligible for Healthy Families unless CALPERS pays less than \$10 a month towards the children's benefits.

Examples of employees who may be eligible for CALPERS are federal, state or county employees as well as school district employees.

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## **SECTION C: Healthy Families Declarations Continued**

The applicant further declares that:

- All individuals listed on this application will abide by the rules of participation, the
  utilization review process and dispute resolution process of the participating plans in
  which the individual is enrolled.
- I have read and understand the Healthy Families Handbook. I understand what it says about each health, dental and vision plan and the benefits they offer.

The handbook contains important information about eligibility, premiums and other program details.

- I am applying for all of my children eligible for Healthy Families, unless they are already enrolled, or I am 18 years old or a minor and applying for myself.
- I agree to pay 6 monthly premiums.

There is no longer a six month waiting period for those children disenrolled for non-payment of premiums.

- I give permission to Healthy Families to check my family income, health coverage, immigration status of the people I am applying for, and all other facts on this application.
- I agree to notify the program within 30 days of any changes of address of any person applied for who is accepted into the program and any change in the applicant's billing address.

Healthy Families must have the applicant's up-to-date address to mail the monthly bill for the premium, as well as other important program information including the Annual Eligibility Review forms.

#### **SECTION D: Privacy Notice**

The information in this section explains how the application information provided by the applicant will be used by the Healthy Families Program.

CAAs must review this section with the applicant.

#### SECTION D: Privacy Notice.

The Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act require the **Healthy Families** Program to provide the following notice to individuals who are asked by **Healthy Families** to supply information:

Personal and medical information requested is for subscriber identification and program administration purposes only. Program regulations under Title 10, CCR, Section 2699.6600 require that every individual furnish certain information when applying to the **Healthy Families** Program. Subscriber's information may be shared with State and local agencies involved in the administration of health programs. Information (including immigration status) about persons who do not become subscribers, will be used only for purposes of eligibility determination and program administration. Failure to furnish this information may result in the return of the application as incomplete.

The following information on the application is not mandatory: social security number, ethnicity information (unless the subscriber is a Native American Indian) and any other item marked voluntary or optional. An individual has a right to access records containing his/her personal information that are maintained by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. The official responsible for maintaining the information is the Deputy Director of Eligibility and Enrollment, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, 1000 G Street, Room 450, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 324-4695.

## **SECTION E: Resolving Disputes**

Many plans families can choose for their children's Healthy Families coverage require that all disagreements (coverage disputes, denials of service and medical malpractice claims) be sent to Binding Arbitration. Others plans allow patients to file a court action for medical malpractice, but require other types of disagreements to be arbitrated. Arbitration is an out-of-court process for settling disagreements.

The Healthy Families Handbook lists which plans require Binding Arbitration in the "Answers to Commonly Asked Questions" section.

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#### SECTION E: Resolving Disputes.

If you enroll in certain plans you agree to have certain claims (which may include medical malpractice claims) decided by neutral binding arbitration. Members give up their right to a jury or court trial. The **Healthy Families Handbook** has information about each plan and the arbitration requirements. You may call the plans you choose to find out more.

## **SECTION F: SIGNATURE**

## **SECTION E: Resolving Disputes.**

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#### **Section F QUESTIONS**

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#### **Signatures**

- The applicant is required to sign and date his/her application on the signature line.
- CAAs must explain to the applicant that he/she is certifying that the information is true and correct and that he/she can be prosecuted for information that is knowingly misrepresented on the application.
- The signature of a witness is necessary if the applicant signs with a mark, such as an "X."